

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

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SUBJECT: Electrical Wiring Fires, a discussion at the National Assoc. of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) 2003 Conference.

DATE OF MEETING: July 10-12, 2003

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: William H. King, Jr., ES *Wmkj*

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: July 18, 2003

LOCATION: Marriott Downtown, Anchorage, AK

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): William H. King, Jr., ES

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
See attached list of attendees at the conference.

SUMMARY OF MEETING: An outline of the remarks made by Mr. King is attached.

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____ Comments Processed

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2003 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

STATES (34)

Attilio Leonardi	HI
Richard Fleming	DC
Doyle Sutton	NV
Terry Phillips	MT
Millard Mackey	MS
Dennis Hohbein	NE
Carvon Hudson	KY
Gary Wise	UT
George Miller	NJ
Tracy Boatwright	IN
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V.J. Bella	LA
Robert Patterson	VT
Robert Doke	OK
Lawrence Petrillo	NJ
William Barnard	MD
Donald Bliss	NH
Tim Bradley	NC
Mary Corso	WA
John Dean	ME
William Farr	MO
Guen Easley	KS
James Kenkel	IA
Mark Larson	ID
James Narva	WY
James Burns	NY
Randall Napoli	FL
Irving Owens	RI
Charles "Ed" Altizer	VA
John Standefer	NM
William Degnan	NH
William Galloway	SC
Don Bliss	NH
Gary Powell	AK
Jerry Rosendahl	MN
Dwayne Garriss	GA
Mike Durst	CO * (Emeritus)

SPEAKERS

Don Bozell, Marathon Ashland
 Bob Chipkevich, NTSB
 Steve Edwards, Director of MFRI
 Mike Reynolds, Chief Carlsbad, NM
 Ken Gustafson, Chief Bellingham, WA
 William King, CPSC
 Drue Pearce, Sr. Adv. Dept. of Interior
 Brendan Foley, Eaton Industries
 Jim O'Steen, Office of Pipeline Safety
 Andrew Lu, Common Ground Alliance
 Hal Stratton, Chairman, CPSC
 Lynn Morris, CA, BHFTI
 John McCormack, CA, BHFT
 Kenneth Kuntz, DHS, USFA

NASFM SAC

James Hoebel
 John Watts * (also speaker)
 Gordon Damant
 Bill Grosshandler
 Henry Roux
 Margaret Simonson * (also speaker)
 David Icove * (also speaker)
 Steve Spivak
 Amal Tamim

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 Walter Smittle, Sr. Advisor
 Peter O'Rourke, Sparber Assoc
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 George Keeley, Counsel, Chicago

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**Cooperative Efforts Between NASFM, CPSC and USFA/FEMA/DHS
to Address Electrical Wiring Fires**

- NASFM's SAC issues favorable report on AFCIs,
 - August 2002
- CPSC to Sponsor Public Forum on AFCIs
 - Sept. 23, 2003, CPSC Hdqtrs., Bethesda, MD
 - Purpose: To increase public awareness & to explain benefits of AFCI technology
- CPSC Staff & NASFM Propose Widespread Use of AFCIs
 - Proposals submitted for the 2005 *NEC*
 - CPSC advocates new requirements for older homes
 - NASFM advocates requirements for new homes and institutions
 - Public comment period underway; closes October 31, 2003
- USFA/FEMA/DHS to include home wiring funds for CPSC in their FY 2004 & FY 2005 Budget Requests (\$150,000 total)
- CPSC and USFA/FEMA/DHS join research effort by the Fire Protection Research Foundation (part of NFPA)
 - Three year effort
 - Seeking other sponsors from government and private sector
 - \$17,000 contribution for first phase from each partner
 - Research will yield high quality wiring fire reports and lab analysis of wiring components extracted from older, non-fire-damaged homes
- NASFM/CPSC Program to Distribute AFCIs Draws to a Close
 - Fourteen states participated
 - About 100 misc. AFCIs remain in stock
 - Contact Walt Smittle if interested in these leftover devices
 - Please return installation post cards provided with the devices to CPSC
- CPSC to Continue to Sponsor Local Home Wiring Safety Seminars
 - This year's seminar slated for West Virginia
 - Last Year: Texarkana, TX
 - 2001: Chesterfield County, VA
 - Targeting areas with relatively high per capita fire death rates for home wiring fires
 - Seminars free to local officials (fire, building, electrical) in the area; one day; hand-outs included; 50 attendees max. per seminar
 - Funding provided by USFA/FEMA/DHS